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Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged. Trade sentiment was no better than steady in the East, steady elsewhere. Retail demand was light to fair, best for active first of the month business. Food service was fair to moderate, best into fast food, with good interest in the Midwest for the Final Four basketball events. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to ample for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair and usually limited to much needed product, but increased to cover some weekend needs. Dark meat was balanced to barely adequate, and wings were readily available. Tenders were in good balance to well cleared, but the remaining breast items were at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to light, mostly desirable.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 04-APR-2005 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	67.00-70.00	63.00-77.00	69.79	29
New York	72.00-74.00			
Los Angeles	80.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	73.00-76.00	67.00-81.00	73.98	91

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
995	70.00-76.00	73.89
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	179.50	1,227
BREASTS - B/S	155.00	5,209
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.50	1,312
THIGH MEAT - B/S	96.00	1,056
LEG QUARTERS	33.00	6,609
WINGS	98.00	2,735

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Chicago's preliminary majority price was unchanged from Monday's final majority price. The whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings were adequate for the limited trade interest. Retail demand continues to be light and food service movement was no better than moderate with the exception of the St. Louis market area which was reporting good activity due to Final Four activities. Floor stocks were in a full range of closely balanced to ample. Sizes were mostly desirable. In the parts complex, buying was hand to mouth with anticipation of improvement for first of the month business. Supplies were fully available with the exception of dark meat items which were in close balance. The market tone was steady to firm on dark meat items, barely steady to weak on wings and steady to barely steady on balance.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was light to fair with optimism that first of the month will stimulate interest. Food service was fair to moderate, best for fast food specials. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate entering the weekend. Dark meat was balanced to tight and in the strongest position, aided by export interest for leg quarters. Breast items were readily available with tenders in the closest balance, and wings were adequate to ample. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged throughout the area. The market tone was about steady. Reported trading for next week's deliveries was at generally unchanged to lower prices. Offerings were fully adequate. Discounts often noted to help stimulate buyers' interest. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good best for parts and whole body where featured. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiment was fully steady on leg quarters and generally steady on balance of parts.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair at best entering the week-end. Offerings of all sizes ranged adequate to ample for current trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items remained at least adequate to available. Dark meat cuts were about adequate to adequate. Wings were available.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair at best. Seller offerings were fully adequate, occasionally ample. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to light. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 72 to 84 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, leg items were adequate to barely adequate. Tenders continued to clear well. Wings were fully adequate to ample. Other items were at least adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

	04/01/05	03/31/05
RANGE	67-91	68-90
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	76.75	77.29
NO. OF BOXES	5,942	5,521
CUMULATIVE	03/28/05-04/01/05	76.70
	03/29/04-04/02/04	79.02
NO. OF BOXES	03/28/05-04/01/05	22,324
	03/29/04-04/02/04	29,456

MAR 31

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

APR 01

ITEM	POUNDS				WTD	POUNDS				WTD	WEEKLY
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	765	139.00-195.00	145-150	147.15		695	140.00-205.00	145-148	149.95	3,881	147.82
TENDERLOINS	218	150.00-205.00	152-157	157.11		301	150.00-200.00	155-159	156.69	1,063	156.60
BREAST - LINE RUN	81	89.00-102.00	92-94	94.05		90	84.00-103.00	91-93	93.11	402	92.77
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				233	77.80
LEGS	57	40.00-52.00	43-44	44.07		TOO FEW TO REPORT				258	43.90
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	550	29.00-34.00	31-32	31.45		550	30.00-34.00	31-32	32.04	2,830	30.96
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,005	31.00-36.00	33-34	33.12		1,285	32.00-36.00	33-34	33.23	5,305	32.88
WINGS (WHOLE)	345	67.00-108.00	-	88.88		305	67.00-104.00	80-84	86.64	1,542	93.25
WINGS (CUT)	360	82.00-115.00	-	109.11		463	87.00-115.00	110-113	109.17	1,970	111.41
DRUMSTICKS	52	39.00-56.00	-	42.46		72	35.00-56.00	-	38.17	288	41.55
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				275	41.69
B/S THIGHS	80	99.00-102.00	-	99.75		TOO FEW TO REPORT				480	96.13

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR MAR 31, 2005 F.O.B. DOCK.

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TRADING FOR APR 01, 2005 F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE		RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE		5-DAY AVERAGE	
51.50 - 57.50		54.73		51.00 - 58.00		54.98		54.28	

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity increased slightly under typical weekend interest, but was no better than moderate overall. Offerings of breast items ranged adequate to available and discounted where product was in excess. Tenderloins were in good balance to well cleared. Dark meat cuts were no better than adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were readily available. Retail movement was fair to moderate, best for scattered feature activity. Distributive movement was mostly fair. The market tone was fully steady on tenders; breast items remained about steady to weak. Wings were barely steady to weak.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

MAR 31, 2005

APR 01, 2005

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	WEEKLY
	TRADING*	AVG**			TRADING*	AVG**			
BREAST - B/S	160	161.04	373,880		160	156.16	917,600	156.93	2,749,460
TENDERLOINS	160	156.38	61,200		160	156.89	264,960	155.41	783,312
BREAST - WITH RIBS	88-90	97.86	103,920		87-88	96.49	197,840	96.90	569,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	88	87.82	86,560		87	85.54	89,240	89.47	466,520
LEGS	45-46	44.71	139,720		46-47	45.75	281,240	45.39	1,320,460
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32	33.44	142,840		32-33	32.06	319,640	31.98	1,561,080
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	42.40	100,640		32-33	39.63	151,120	38.86	538,600
THIGHS	38-39	45.55	59,680		38-39	46.01	87,730	46.36	266,010
B/S THIGHS	96-97	98.56	52,440		96-97	94.95	123,500	96.06	482,700
WINGS (WHOLE)	92-93	97.52	183,840		90-91	95.95	206,880	97.48	700,800
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	1,080		10-12	11.72	26,560	11.47	75,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	35.00	1,320		30-35	26.48	34,400	27.44	107,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	60.72	2,760		55-60	54.02	37,480	59.08	92,880

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED	
(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)				POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	
	04/01	03/31	03/30	03/29	03/30	03/29	03/25	03/23			RANGE
Alabama	4,120	4,040	3,890	3,655	5.24	5.21	3,088	5.20		FRESH FRYERS	97-99
Arkansas	5,066	5,298	5,211	5,222	5.18	5.15	4,491	5.08		ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
Delmarva	2,182	2,235	2,255	2,220	5.60	5.66	1,678	5.27		HENS UNDER 5#	
KY-LA-TN	2,068	2,167	1,891	2,061	4.75	4.96	2,030	5.03		HENS OVER 5#	65-73
Mississippi	3,204	3,069	3,009	3,117	5.59	5.57	2,777	5.28		DUCKS	
North Carolina	2,566	2,534	2,461	2,441	6.45	6.51	1,867	6.50		RABBITS-WHOLE	
Texas	2,326	2,264	2,501	2,374	5.25	5.30	2,368	5.14		RABBITS-CUT UP	
Total	21,532	21,607	21,218	21,090	5.41	5.43	18,299	5.32			
Mon-Fri	105,698(A)						103,085(A)				

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-Apr-05 and 02-Apr-05 is estimated to be 32,214,000 head up 17.32 percent from a week ago and up 4.91 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 27,459,000, last year 30,705,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 02-Apr-05 is estimated to be 153,430,000 head up 1.50 percent from a week ago, and up 0.91 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 151,161,000, last year 152,052,000)

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY		
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	105-107
	DRY PACK	105-108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108-111
	DRY PACK	111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	89-93
	DRY PACK	89-95
DUCKS		180-192

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 19-Mar-05 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs. & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs. 5.26 Lbs. & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----

	(A) Fast food/ Food service 4.20 Lbs. & down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs.	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs. & Up
Head	29,594	25,484	39,720
Avg Weight	3.57	4.84	6.43
% of total /1	31%	27%	42%

Comparisons

	(A) Fast food/ Food service 4.20 Lbs. & down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs.	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs. & Up
Last week	30,595	19,126	47,714
Avg Weight	3.52	4.68	6.40
% of total /1	31%	20%	49%

	(A) Fast food/ Food service 4.20 Lbs. & down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs.	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs. & Up
Same week, yr ago /2	27,824	20,869	47,669
Avg Weight	3.49	4.76	6.30
% of total /1	29%	22%	49%

	(A) Fast food/ Food service 4.20 Lbs. & down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs.	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs. & Up
To date/2005	294,537	236,792	520,247
To date/2004	289,595	233,826	478,590

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 26-Mar-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	151,161	1,711	1,356	3,067	503
Avg Wt	5.19	3.23	8.14	5.40	6.83
Last week	157,335	1,385	1,402	2,787	512
Same wk yr ago	152,749	1,254	1,222	2,476	481
Avg Wt	5.16	3.24	8.00	5.59	6.76
To-date/2005	1,877,190	17,631	15,677	33,308	6,102
To-date/2004	1,842,387	15,274	15,206	30,480	5,512

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 153.0 million head, or 11.0 million less than estimated available.

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -

MARCH 29, 2005

RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes 1.15 - 1.17	Pigeons 3.40 - 3.60ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS .70 - .80	White Pigeons 5.00 - 5.10ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS .85 - 1.00	Rabbits 4-6 LBS 1.60 - 1.70
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS .85 - 1.00	Rabbits 6-9 LBS 1.30 - 1.40
Crossbred Roasters 4-6 LBS 1.40 - 1.60	Bunnies 5.00 - 8.00ea.
Guinea Fowl 1.60 - 1.75	Guinea Pigs .05 - .10ea.
Banty Roasters 3.25 - 3.75ea.	Goats 60.00 - 70.00ea.
Banty Hens 2.00 - 2.50ea.	Kid Goats 27.00 - 35.00ea.
Silgies 3.75ea.	Doves 7.00 - 8.00ea.
	Total Coops Sold 368

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 28-MARCH-2005

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	143-145	149-151

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST MOSTLY	127-131	128-133

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	66.00-74.50	72.00-74.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	72.00-86.50	75.00-78.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	63.36-72.90
14 OZ.	69.84-81.00
16 OZ.	74.88-89.10

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to in balance. Schedules were full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.50, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 28-MARCH-2005

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	120-135	127-139

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
February	19 158.6	162.8	97%	5.16
	26 158.3	163.4	97%	5.28
March	5 162.0	163.0	99%	5.24
	12 159.5	161.9	99%	5.16
	19 159.2	162.0	98%	5.20
	26 153.0	164.0	93%	5.19
Year to date	1899.9	1939.3	98%	
April	2 165.4			
	9 166.0			

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	04/02/05	03/26/05	% CHG	04/03/04	% CHG
Broilers	153,430	151,161*	+1.50	152,052*	+0.91
Cattle	566	572	-01	573*	-01
Hogs	1,974	1,955	+01	1,930*	+02

*ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; generally unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair at best for light canners; heavy canners were fair to moderate with most available being used internally. Offerings were fully adequate for light canners; generally adequate for heavy canners. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. The undertone was steady to about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
26-30 MAJORITY 27-30	TOO FEW TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
28-33 MAJORITY 28-32	TOO FEW TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand ranged moderate to good. Offerings of spent hens were at least fully adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-13	8-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were too few to report. Offerings were fully adequate for a slow demand. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were as desired. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged. Offerings were heavy and reported as ample with demand fairly good and better into rendering operations as producers seek alternative sources for removal of spent fowl. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-8.5	5.5-8.5

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked full schedules. Offerings ample.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 04-APR-05

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was at least moderate for the adequate to about adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were sufficient for current needs. The undertone was at least steady.

RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Prices were too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent heavy hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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